

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~recording card~~ medium which records information as an optically readable coded image,

wherein said coded image contains: (i) record location information indicative of a record location at which said coded image is recorded on said ~~recording card~~ medium, and ~~wherein the record location information comprises information based on which a coded image reading apparatus outputs~~ (ii) information regarding ~~a record location of a~~ name of an additional card medium which records an additional coded image to be subsequently read by a user.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A recording~~ The card medium according to claim 1, wherein said ~~coded image contains said~~ record location information ~~as~~ comprises an element of a physical format of said coded image.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A recording~~ The card medium according to claim 2, wherein said coded image comprises a plurality of blocks, each of which includes:

an information area containing divided information into which said information is divided;

a marker area including a marker to allow recognition of each of said blocks; and

a block ID area containing block ID information to identify each of said blocks,

10 wherein said areas are located in accordance with predetermined relative positions of said areas, and

wherein said block ID information also functions as said record location information.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A recording~~ The card medium according to claim 1, wherein said ~~coded image contains said~~ record location information ~~as~~ comprises an element of a logical format of said coded image.

5. (Currently Amended) A coded image reading apparatus for optically reading a coded image from a ~~recording~~ card medium which records information as an optically readable coded image,

5 wherein the coded image contains: (i) record location information indicative of a record location at which the coded image is recorded on said ~~recording~~ card medium, ~~the record location information comprises information based on which the coded image reading apparatus outputs~~ and (ii) information regarding ~~a record location of a~~ name of an additional card

10 medium which records an additional coded image to be subsequently
read by a user; ~~and the record location information is~~
~~contained as an element of a physical format or a logical format~~
~~of the coded image;~~

said apparatus including:

15 image inputting means for inputting the coded image;
record location ~~determining~~ information obtaining means
for obtaining the record location information from the coded
image input by said image inputting means; ~~and for determining~~
~~the record location at which the input coded image is recorded on~~
20 ~~said recording medium; and~~

medium information obtaining means for obtaining the
information regarding the name of the additional card medium from
the coded image input by said image inputting means, based on the
record location information obtained by the record location
25 information obtaining means; and

outputting means for outputting for the user the
information regarding the ~~record location of the coded image to~~
~~be subsequently read, based on the record location determined by~~
~~said record location determining means~~ name of the additional
30 card medium.

Claims 6-9 (Canceled).

10. (Previously Presented) A coded image reading apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the coded image comprises a plurality of blocks, each of which includes:

an information area containing divided information into
5 which the information is divided;

a marker area including a marker to allow recognition of each of the blocks; and

a block ID area containing block ID information to identify each of the blocks,

10 wherein the areas are located in accordance with predetermined relative positions of the areas,

wherein the block ID information also functions as the record location information, and

15 wherein said record location determining means includes a reference table which shows a correspondence between the record location information and the block ID information.

Claims 11-14 (Canceled).

15. (New) The card medium according to claim 1, wherein the coded image further includes additional record location

information indicative of a record location on the additional card medium, at which the additional coded image to be subsequently read by the user is recorded.

16. (New) A card medium according to claim 5, wherein:

the coded image further includes additional record location information indicative of a record location on the additional card medium, at which the additional coded image to be subsequently read by the user is recorded;

the medium information obtaining means obtains the information regarding the name of the additional card medium and the additional record location information indicative of the record location on the additional card medium, from the coded image input by the image inputting means, based on the record location information obtained by the record location information obtaining means; and

the outputting means outputs for the user the information regarding the name of the additional card medium and the record location information indicative of the record location on the another card medium.